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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 12, 2008

**1. Call to order.**

The 331<sup>st</sup> joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Ron Schafer at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2008 at the Cesar E. Chavez Park Community Center, 208 Park Avenue, San Fernando, California.

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Joan Cardellino, representing the California Coastal Commission.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Joan Cardellino, Woody Smeck, Jerome C. Daniel, Linda Parks, Bryan Cash, Ron Schafer, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Elizabeth Cheadle, James Berkus, and Antonio Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Michael Blanton, Caroline Brown, Anita Fromholz, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Lawren Markle, Linda Palmer, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Pena, Dave Brown, Mary Sue Maurer, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Nancy Stephens, and Garen Yegparian. The member was present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Juliet Chung, Contracts and Fiscal Officer, Government Programs;

Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Parks; Jamie Cabral, Chief of Interpretation; Lisa Soghor, Director of Premier Parks; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Ken Frederick; Project Analyst; Leslie Chan, Project Analyst; Ana Petrlc, Project Analyst, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Steve Veres, Louise Rishoff, and Sharon Mayer.

**5. Reports.**

The Conservancy received reports from the Chair, the Attorney General, Mr. Smeck, representing the National Park Service, the Executive Director, and Michael Berger, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**6. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Markle, Daniel, Stirdivant, and Ms. Brown.

**7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Larry Sartorius, member of the public, on item 18.  
Scott Campbell, member of the public, on item 18.  
Emily Aiken, member of the public, on item 18.  
Kristina Schake, member of the public, on item 18.  
Carrie Sutkin, representing People for Parks, on item 11.  
Dan Wall, representing the City of San Fernando, on items 9 and 10.  
Angel Barnuevo, Jr., representing Senator Alex Padilla, on items 9 and 10.  
Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Consortium, on item 8(b).  
Efren Valdovinos, representing Assemblymember Fuentes, on item 10.  
Teena Takata, representing the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, on matters not on the agenda.

**8. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Studio City Senior Living Center project, 4141 Whitsett Avenue, along the Los Angeles River, Los Angeles.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2006031049) for the Hidden Creeks Estates project, Mormon and Browns Canyons, northwest of Porter Ranch, unincorporated Chatsworth area.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing conditional waiver of first right of refusal pursuant to Section 33207(b) of the Public Resource Code on a portion of City of Los Angeles-owned walkway directly adjacent to APN 2172-025-013, Serrania Ridge, Woodland Hills.**
- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing Administrative Services Contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

Item 8(d) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould , duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 08-31, 08-32, and 08-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 08-31, 08-32, and 08-33.

**8(d). Consideration of resolution authorizing Administrative Services Contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The resolution for item 8(d) was revised by staff counsel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-34 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-34 as amended.

The Chair announced that item 18 would be heard next in order to accommodate members of the public.

**18. Consideration of resolution naming the Hunter Allen Memorial Trail at Upper Las Virgenes Open Space Preserve.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Rockenstein, Ms. Palmer, and Ms Parks.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Robinson.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-44.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Parks, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-44.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to SMM-0741 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park, San Fernando.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Director of Urban Parks.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, Ms. Parks, and Mr. Cash.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-35.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-35.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Pacoima Wash Greenway-Eighth Street Park, San Fernando.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Director of Urban Parks, and Mr. Frederick.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Kishbaugh, Robinson, Cash, and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Urban Parks and Mr. Frederick.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-36.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to People for Parks for a feasibility study to identify and select a joint-use project with the Los Angeles Unified School District.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-37.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-37.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation to SMM-0752 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration project, Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Director of Urban Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-38.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-38.

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for interpretive program development and delivery for ranger led public programs and ranger-led interpretive programs specifically designed for disadvantaged youth.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Robinson and Cash.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Cabral, Chief Ranger, and Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-39.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-39.

Mr. Cash was noted as 'No'.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the preservation, protection, and restoration of Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Calabasas.**

Comments were made by Ms. Soghor.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and Mr. Smeck.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Parks , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-40.

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-41.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-41.

**16. Consideration of resolution re-authorizing participation in the Cooperative Management Agreement for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-42.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval of Master License and Agreement for management and operation of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy properties by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Operations and Management of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Properties and Exchange of Services, Equipment, and Office Facilities.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Fromholz, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 08-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck , duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 08-43.

- 19. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. LC077488*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Case No. BC377233*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

- 20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 23, 2008.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

RONALD P. SCHAFER  
Chairperson